

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for presenting available media for selection and playback on a television display, the method comprising:
detecting available media; and
constructing at least one display indicating the availability of said detected available media at a plurality of different storage locations.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting an indication of said plurality of different storage locations for said detected available media in said at least one constructed display.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein said presented indication is at least one of text format, graphic format and audio format.

4. The method according to claim 2, further comprising identifying at least one content category that is associated with said detected available media.

5. The method according to claim 4, further comprising associating said presented indication of said plurality of different storage locations for said detected available media with said at least one content category.

6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising querying one of a provider of media and at least one storage device at said plurality of different storage locations for said available media.

7. The method according to claim 1, further comprising acquiring said available media from at least one of a media content provider and a media storage device.

8. The method according to claim 1, further comprising displaying said constructed at least one display on the television screen.

9. The method according to claim 1, further comprising formatting said constructed at least one display in a graphical user interface.

10. The method according to claim 1, further comprising selecting at least a portion of said detected available media at said plurality of different storage locations for said construction of said at least one display.

11. A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for presenting available media for selection and playback on a television display, the at least one code section being executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform steps comprising:

detecting available media; and

constructing at least one display indicating the availability of said detected available media at a plurality of different storage locations.

12. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for presenting an indication of said plurality of different storage locations for said detected available media in said at least one constructed display.

13. The machine-readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said presented indication is at least one of text format, graphic format and audio format.

14. The machine-readable storage according to claim 12, further comprising code for identifying at least one content category that is associated with said detected available media.

15. The machine-readable storage according to claim 14, further comprising code for associating said presented indication of said plurality of different storage locations for said detected available media with said at least one content category.

16. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for querying one of a provider of media and at least one storage device at said plurality of different storage locations for said available media.

17. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for acquiring said available media from at least one of a media content provider and a media storage device.

18. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for displaying said constructed at least one display on the television screen.

19. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for formatting said constructed at least one display in a graphical user interface.

20. The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, further comprising code for selecting at least a portion of said detected available media at said plurality of different storage locations for said construction of said at least one display.

21. A system for presenting available media for selection and playback on a television display, the system comprising:

at least one processor that detects available media; and

said at least one processor constructs at least one display indicating the availability of said detected available media at a plurality of different storage locations.

22. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor presents an indication of said plurality of different storage locations for said detected available media in said at least one constructed display.

23. The system according to claim 22, wherein said presented indication is at least one of text format, graphic format and audio format.

24. The system according to claim 22, wherein said at least one processor identifies at least one content category that is associated with said detected available media.

25. The system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one processor associates said presented indication of said plurality of different storage locations for said detected available media with said at least one content category.

26. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor queries one of a provider of media and at least one storage device at said plurality of different storage locations for said available media.

27. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor acquires said available media from at least one of a media content provider and a media storage device.

28. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor causes said constructed at least one display to be displayed on the television screen.

29. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor formats said constructed at least one display in a graphical user interface.

30. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor selects at least a portion of said detected available media at said plurality of different storage locations for said construction of said at least one display.

31. The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is at least one of a computer processor, a media peripheral processor, a media exchange system processor and a media processing system processor.